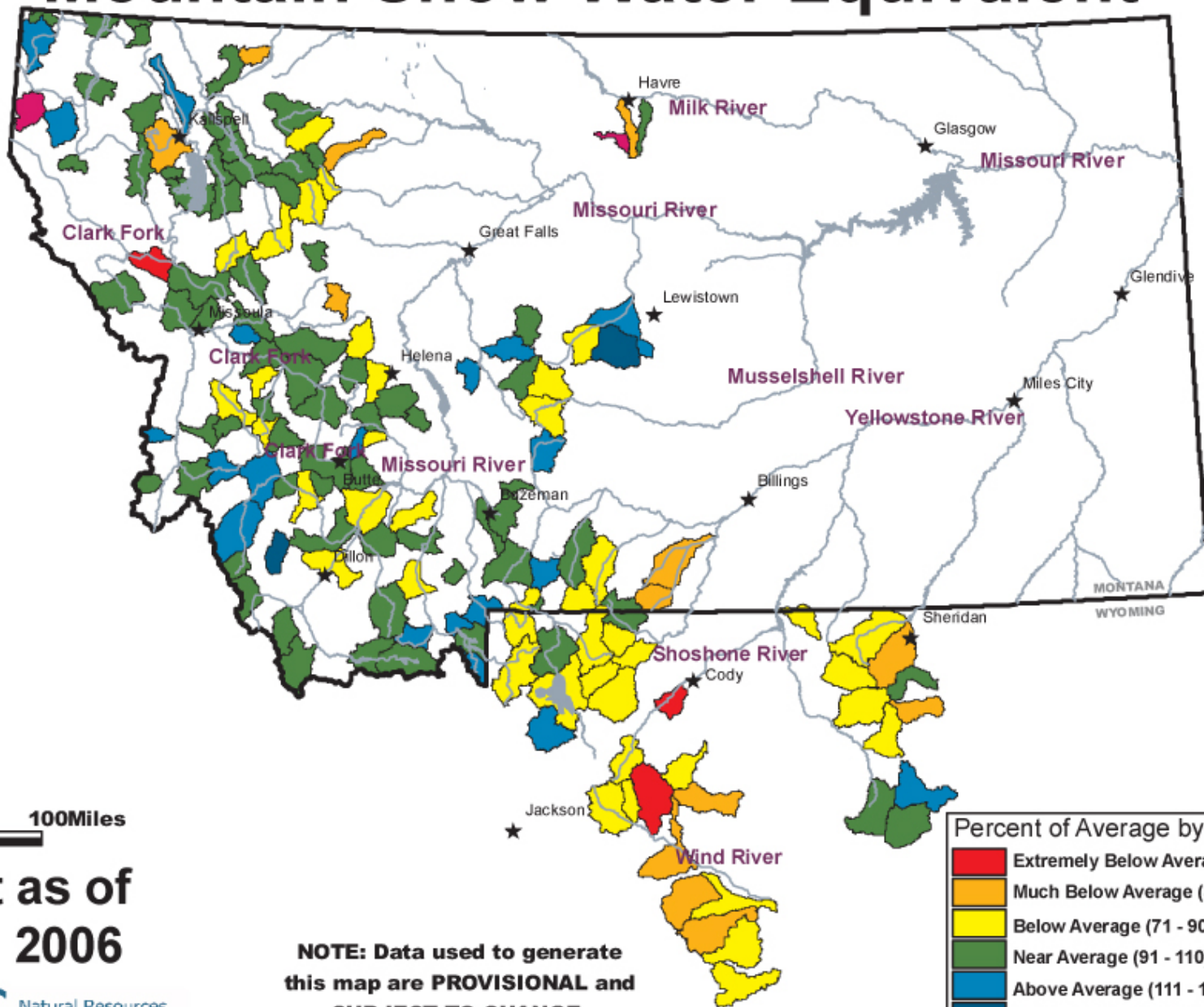


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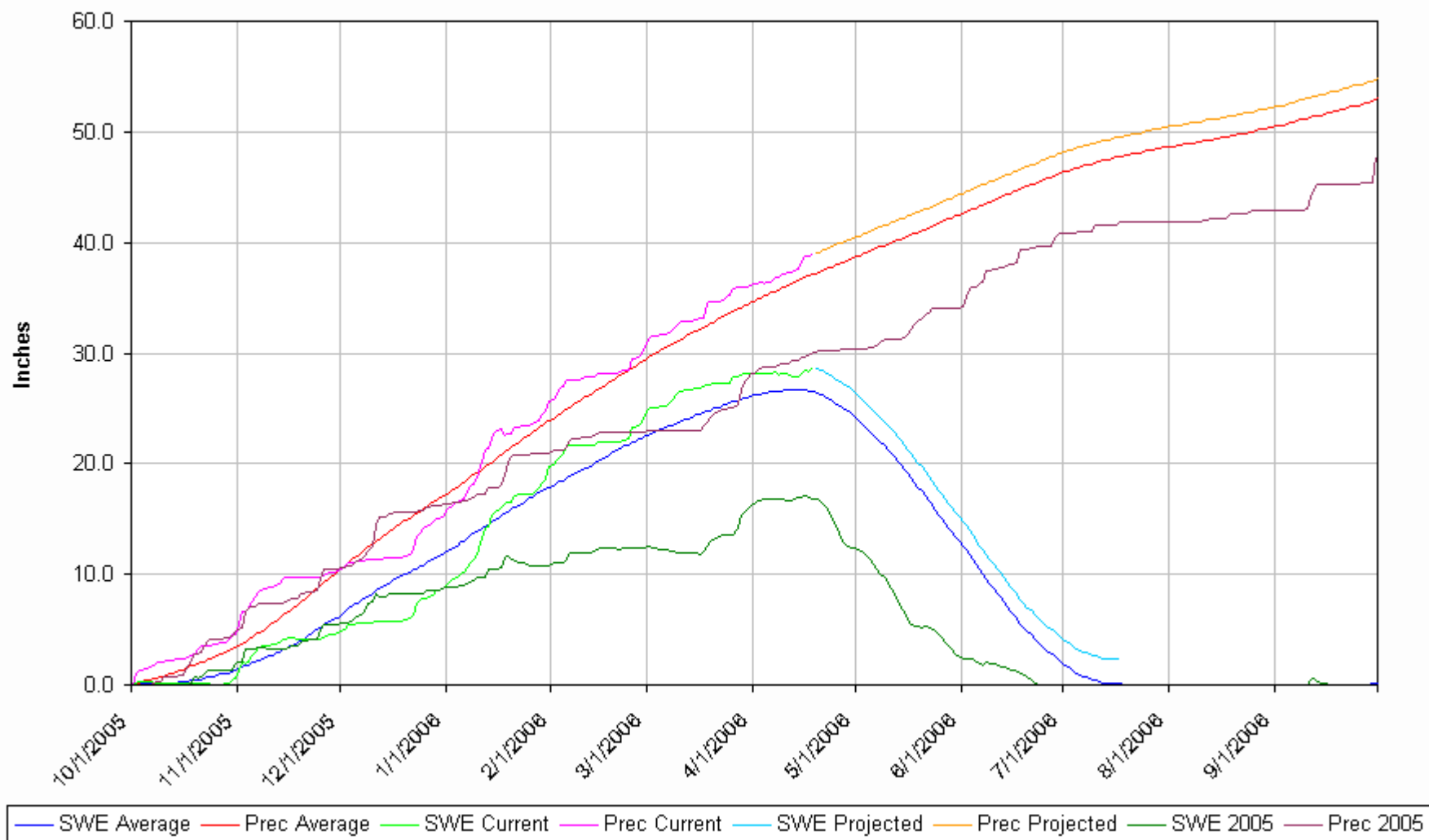
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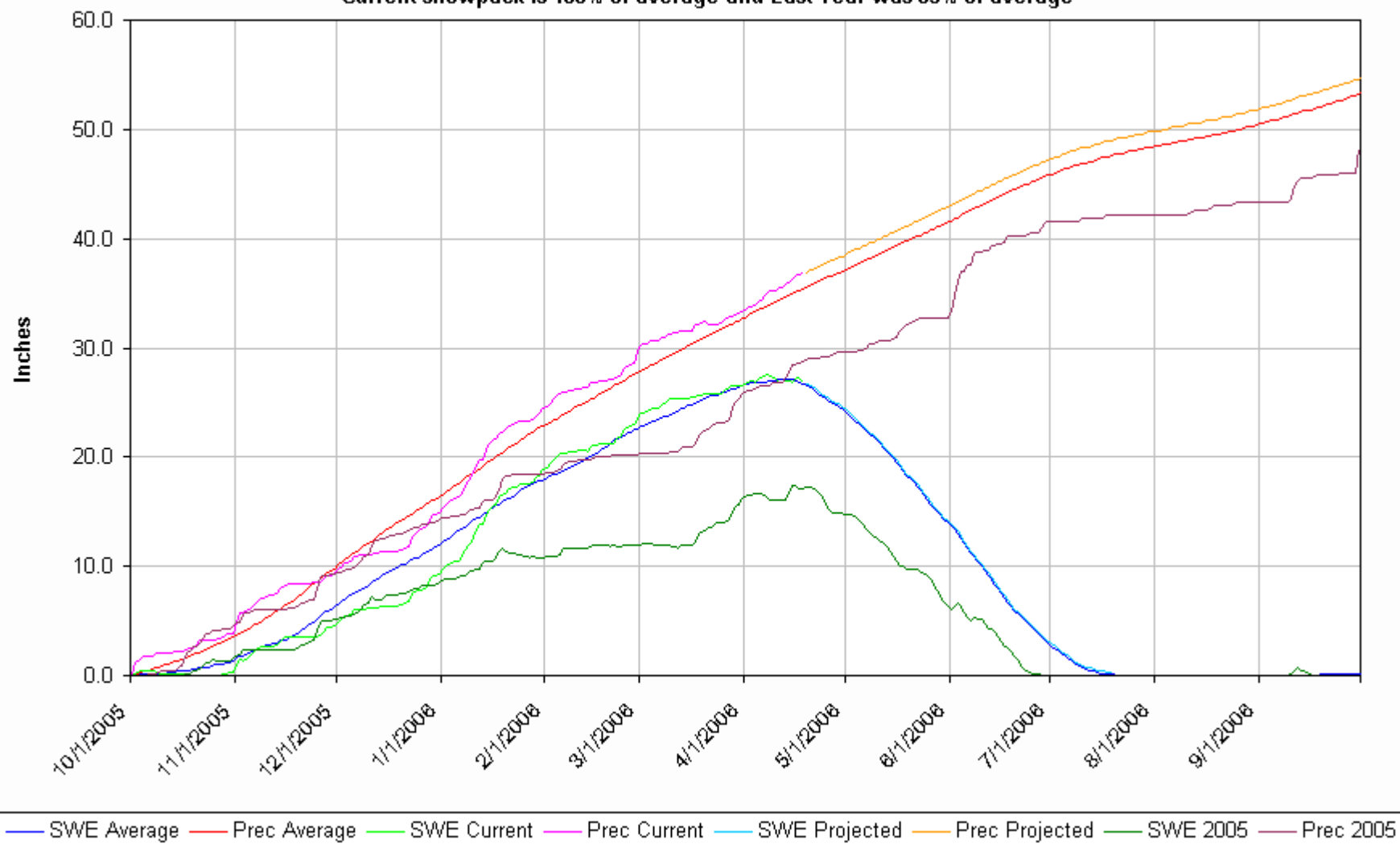
Percent of Average by Sub-Basin

Extremely Below Average (Below 51)
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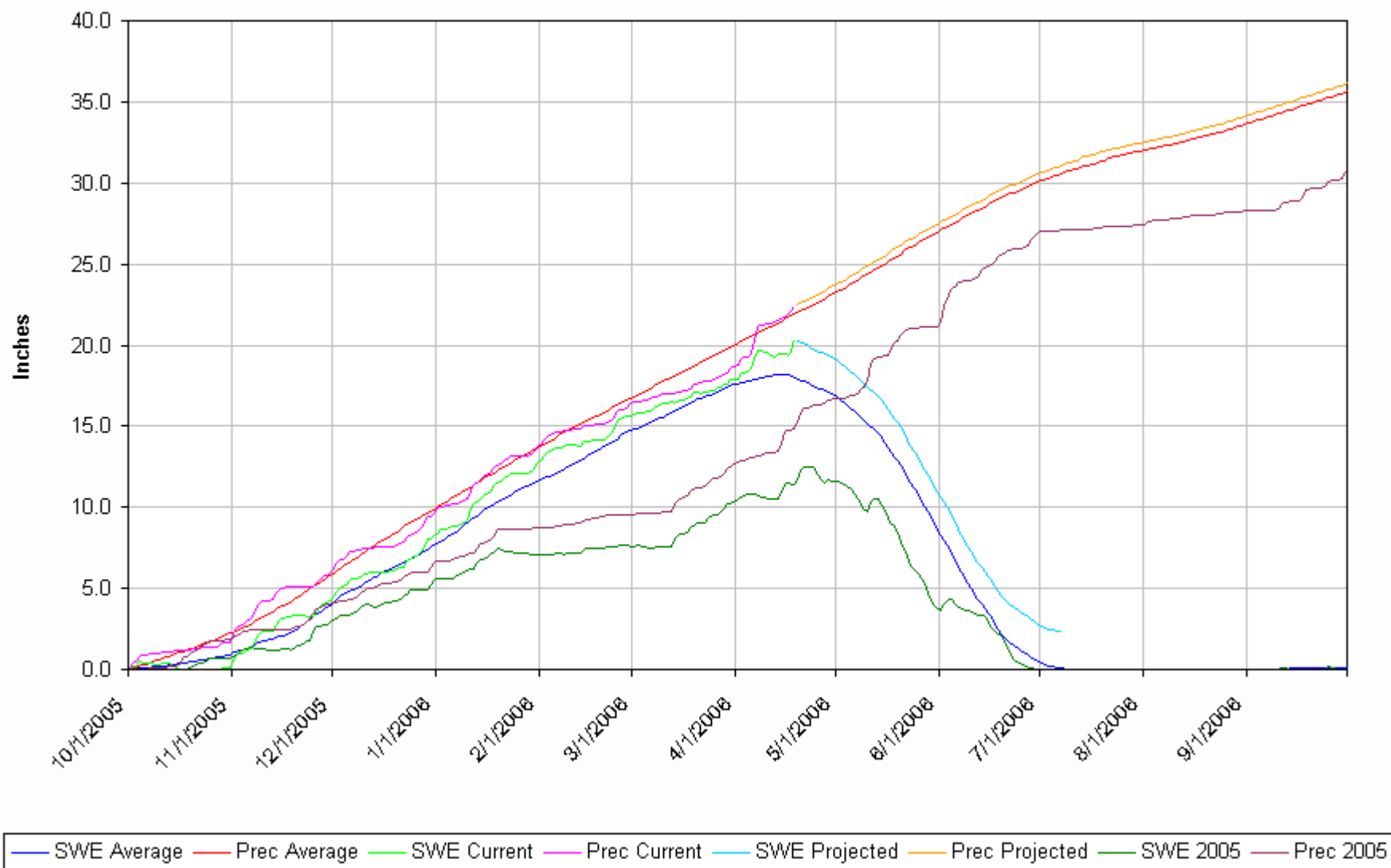
Kootenai Water Year SNOTEL Graph (8 Sites)
 Current snowpack is 108% of average and Last Year was 64% of average



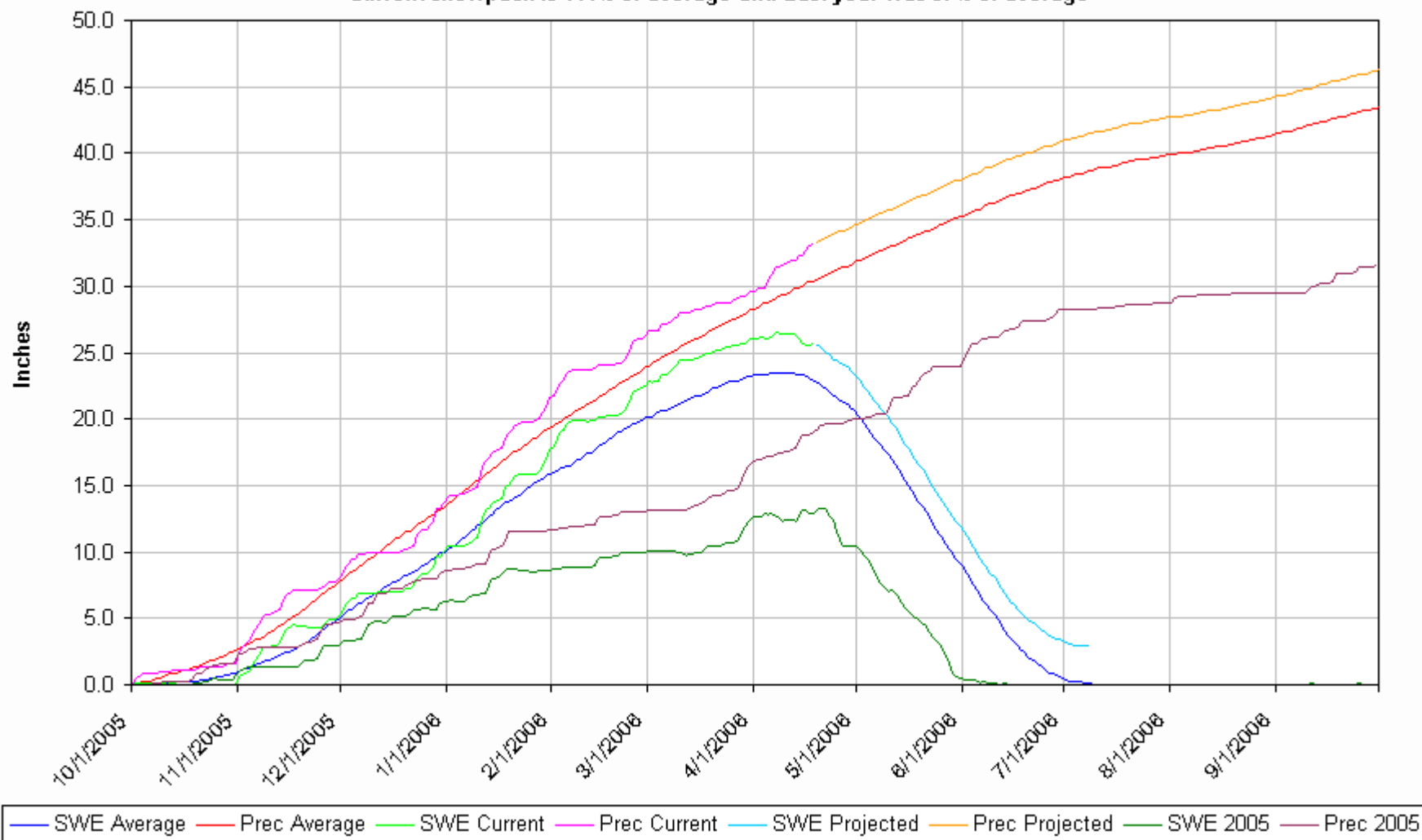
Flathead Water Year SNOTEL Graph (15 Sites)
 Current snowpack is 108% of average and Last Year was 65% of average



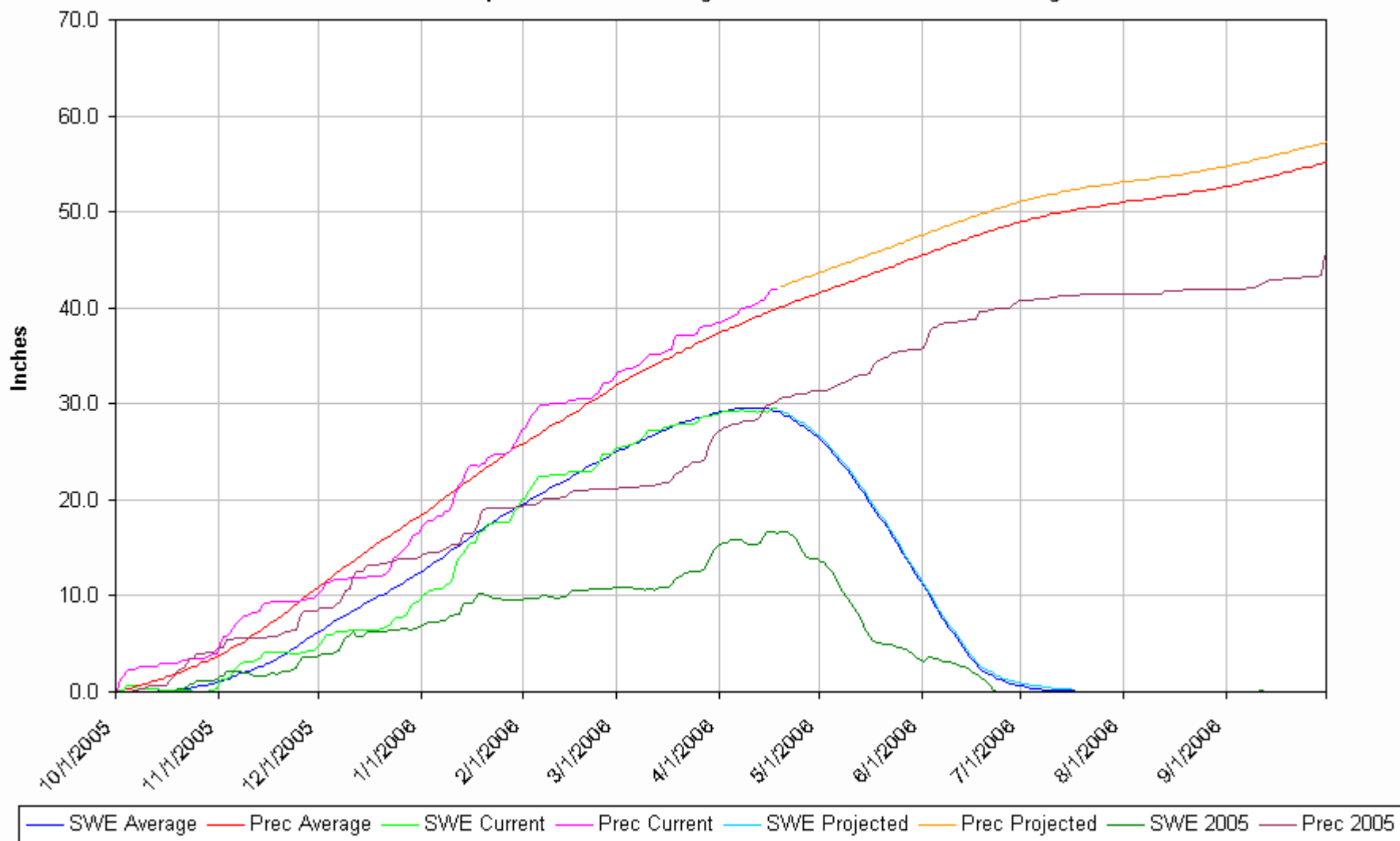
Upper Clark Fork Water Year SNOTEL Graph (15 Sites)
 Current snowpack is 105% of average and Last year was 62% of average



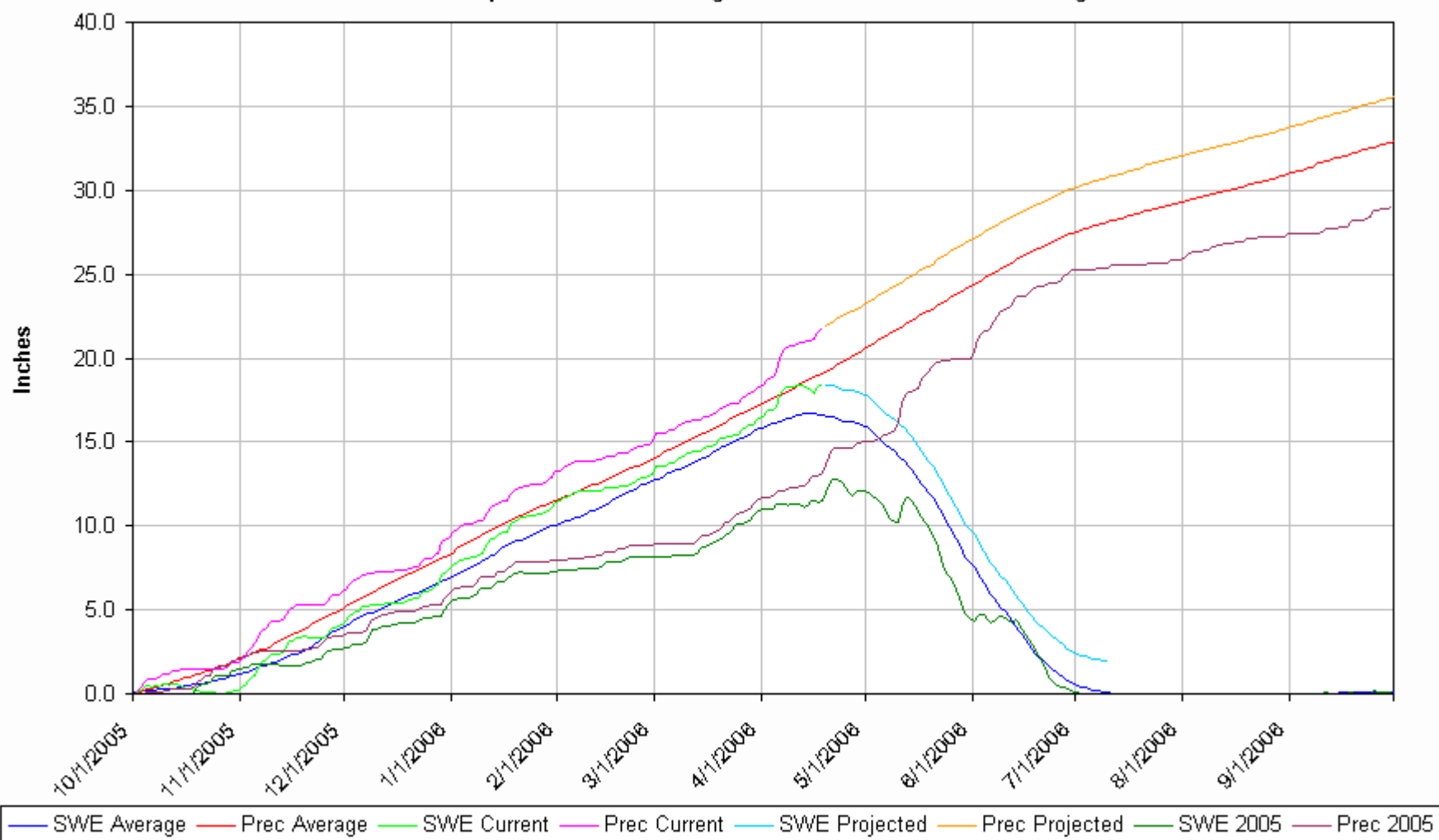
Bitterroot Water Year SNOTEL Graph (7 Sites)
 Current snowpack is 114% of average and Last year was 57% of average



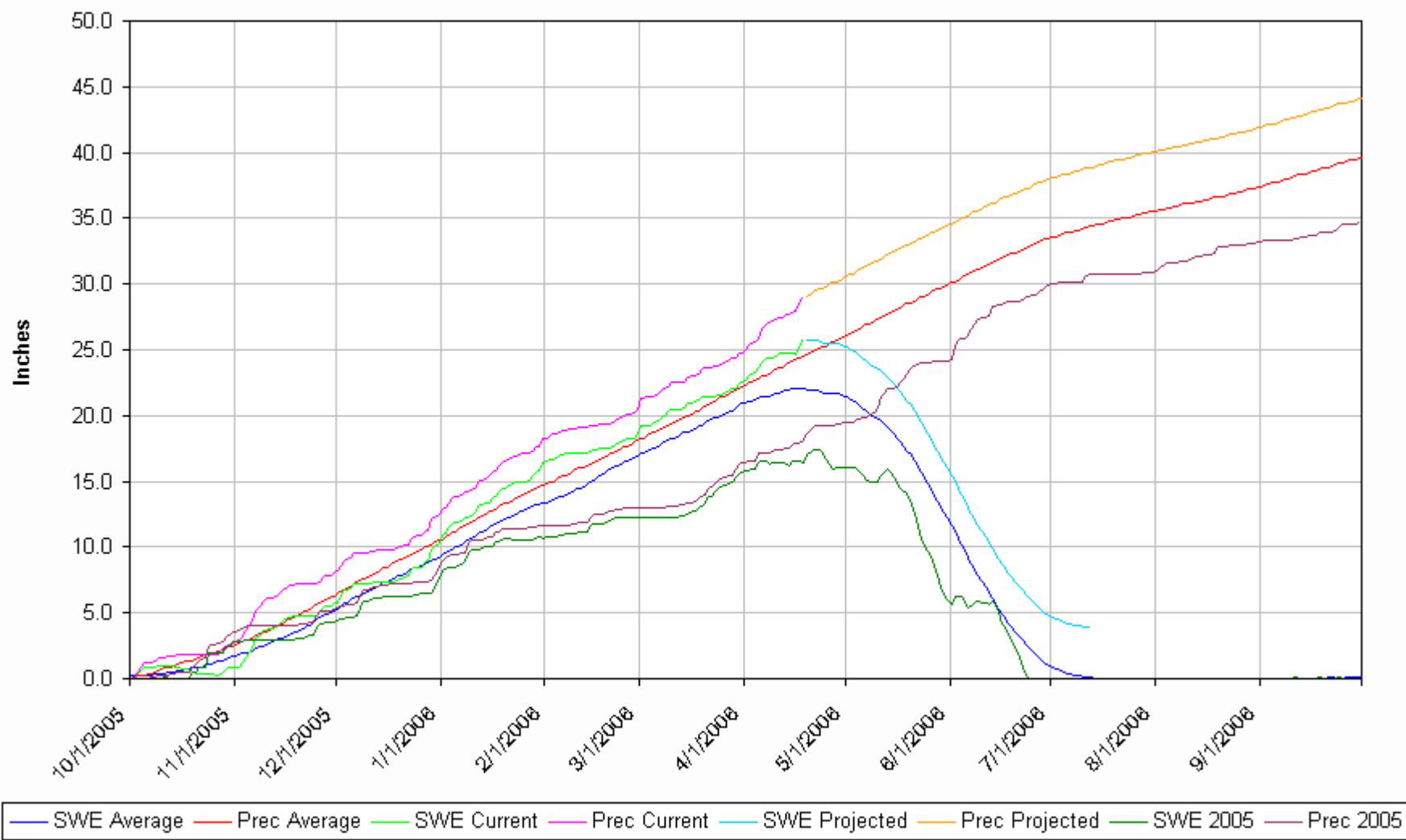
Lower Clark Fork Water Year SNOTEL Graph (8 Sites)
 Current snowpack is 103% of average and Last Year was 58% of average



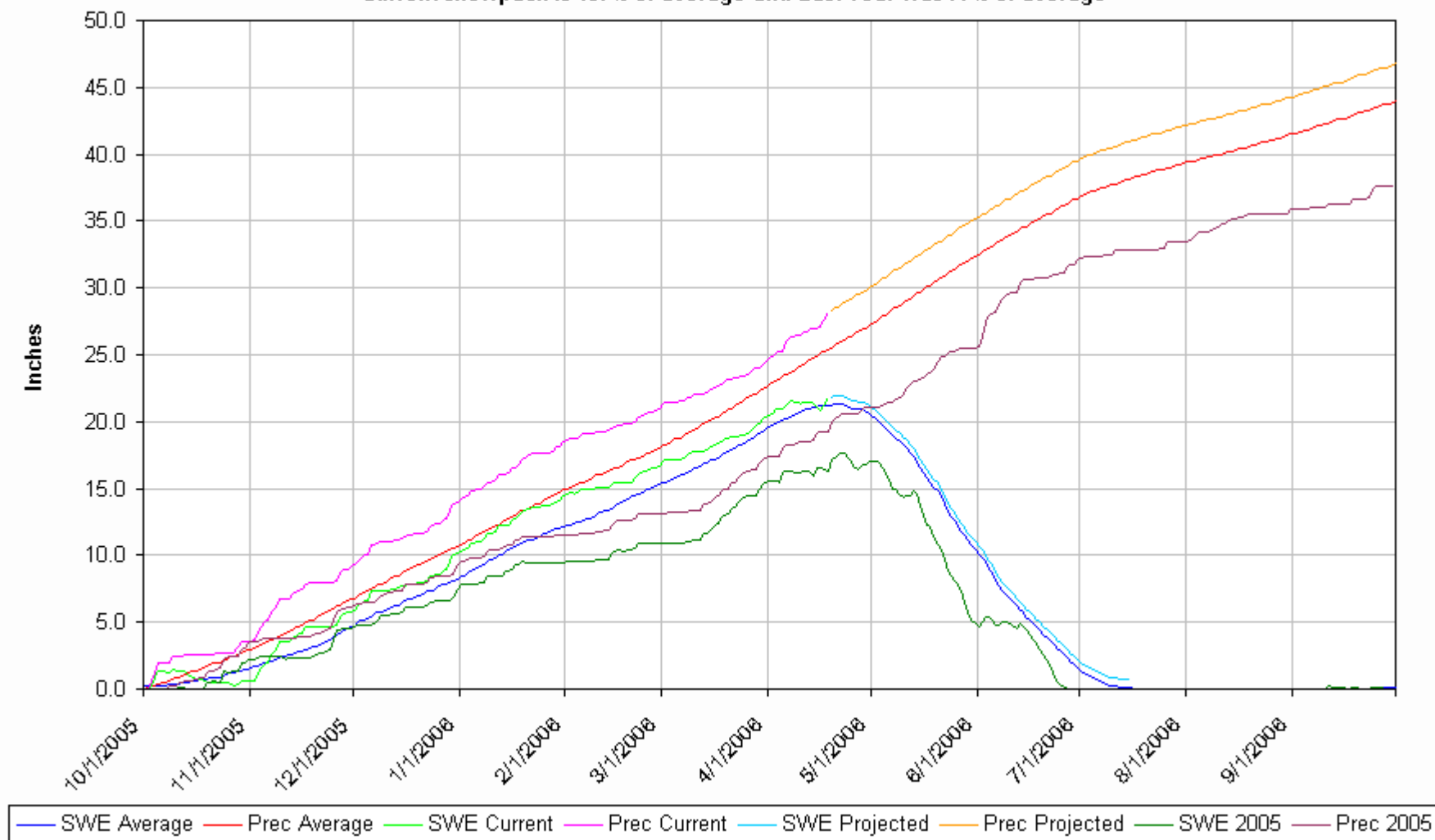
Jefferson Water Year SNOTEL Graph (18 Sites)
 Current snowpack is 112% of average and Last Year was 69% of average



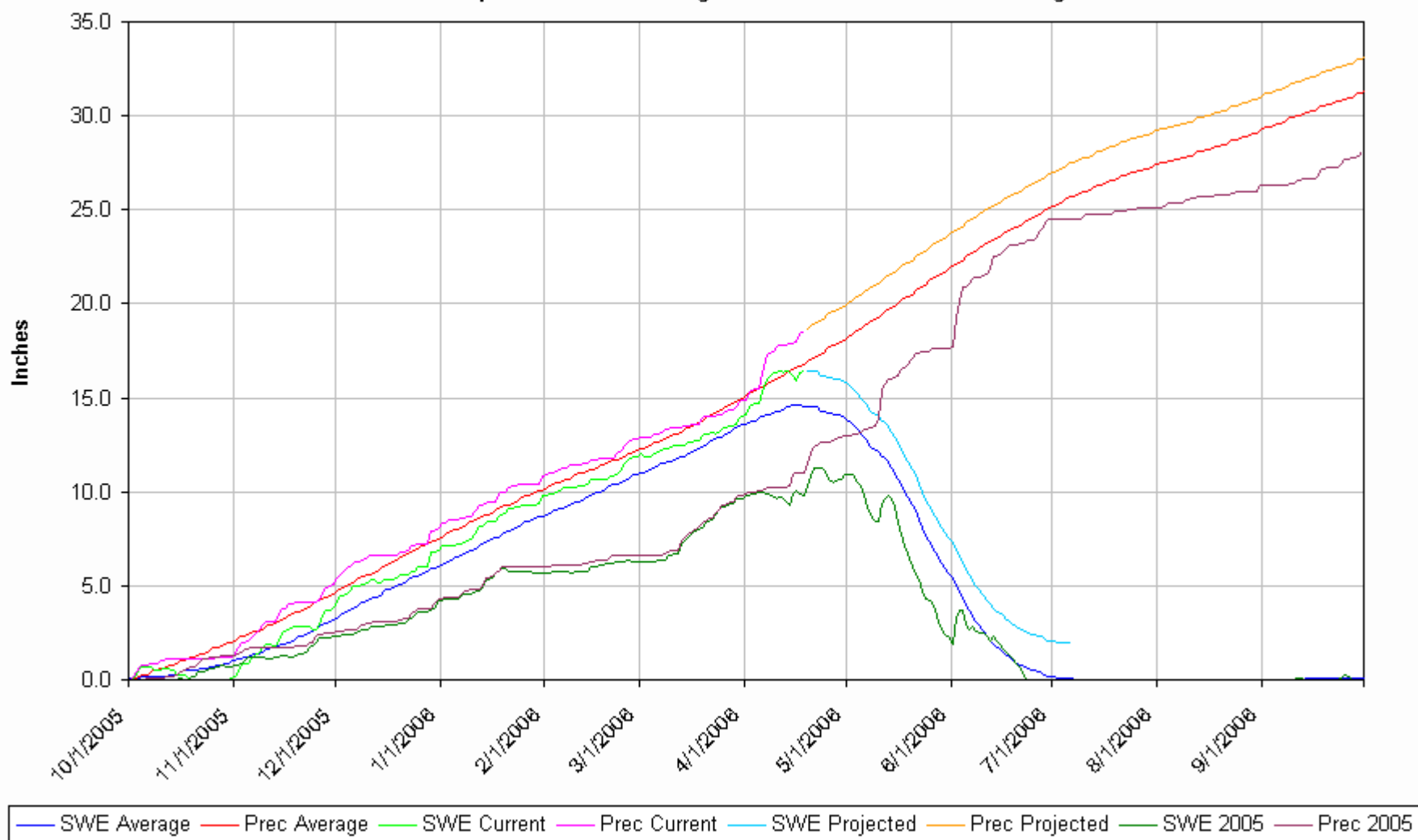
Madison Water Year SNOTEL Graph (11 Sites)
 Current snowpack is 118% of average and Last Year was 75% of average



Gallatin Water Year SNOTEL Graph (7 Sites)
 Current snowpack is 107% of average and Last Year was 77% of average

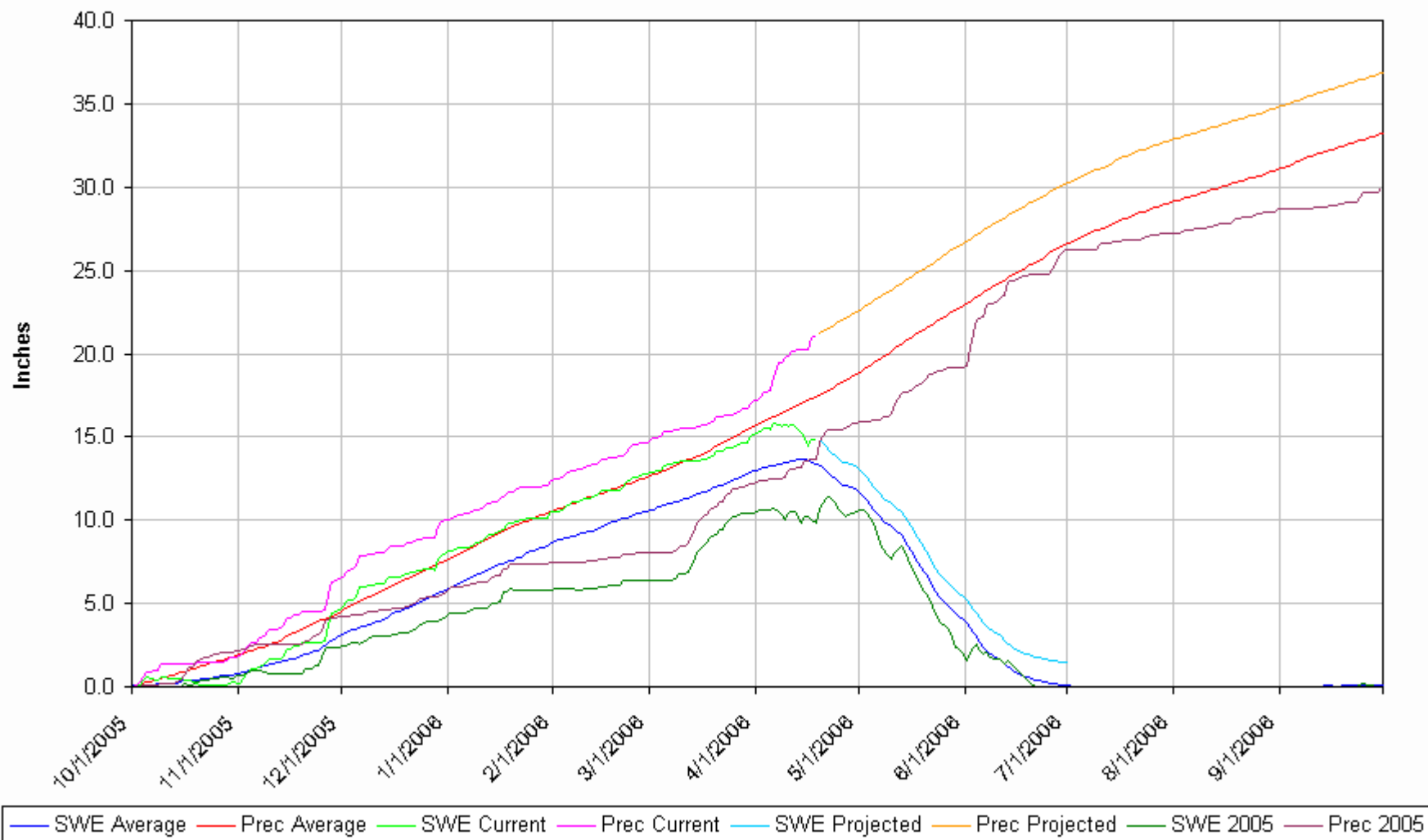


Headwaters Missouri Water Year SNOTEL Graph (5 Sites)
 Current snowpack is 114% of average and Last Year was 67% of average

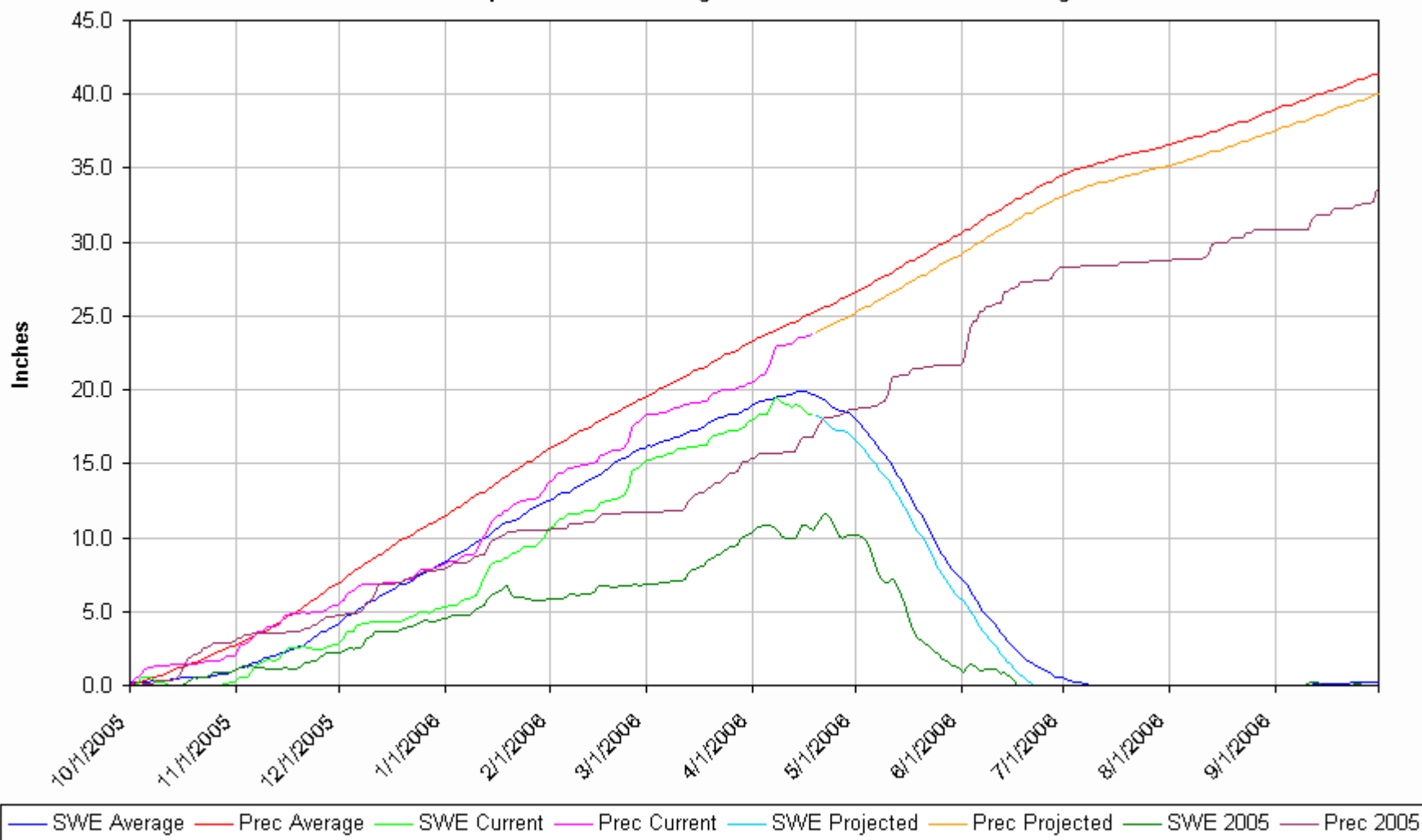


Smith-Judith-Musselshel Water Year SNOTEL Graph (9 Sites)

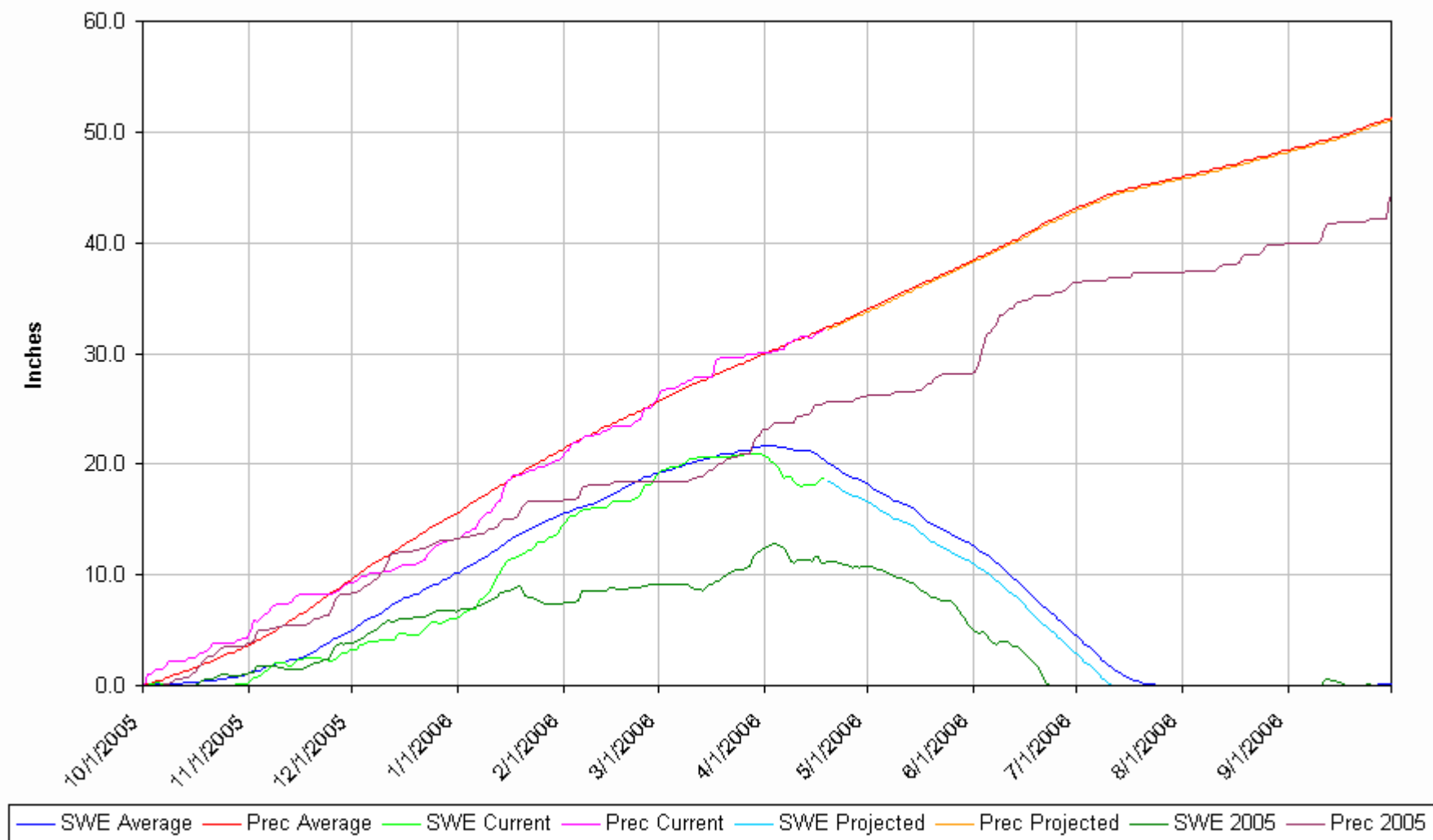
Current snowpack is 112% of average and Last Year was 74% of average



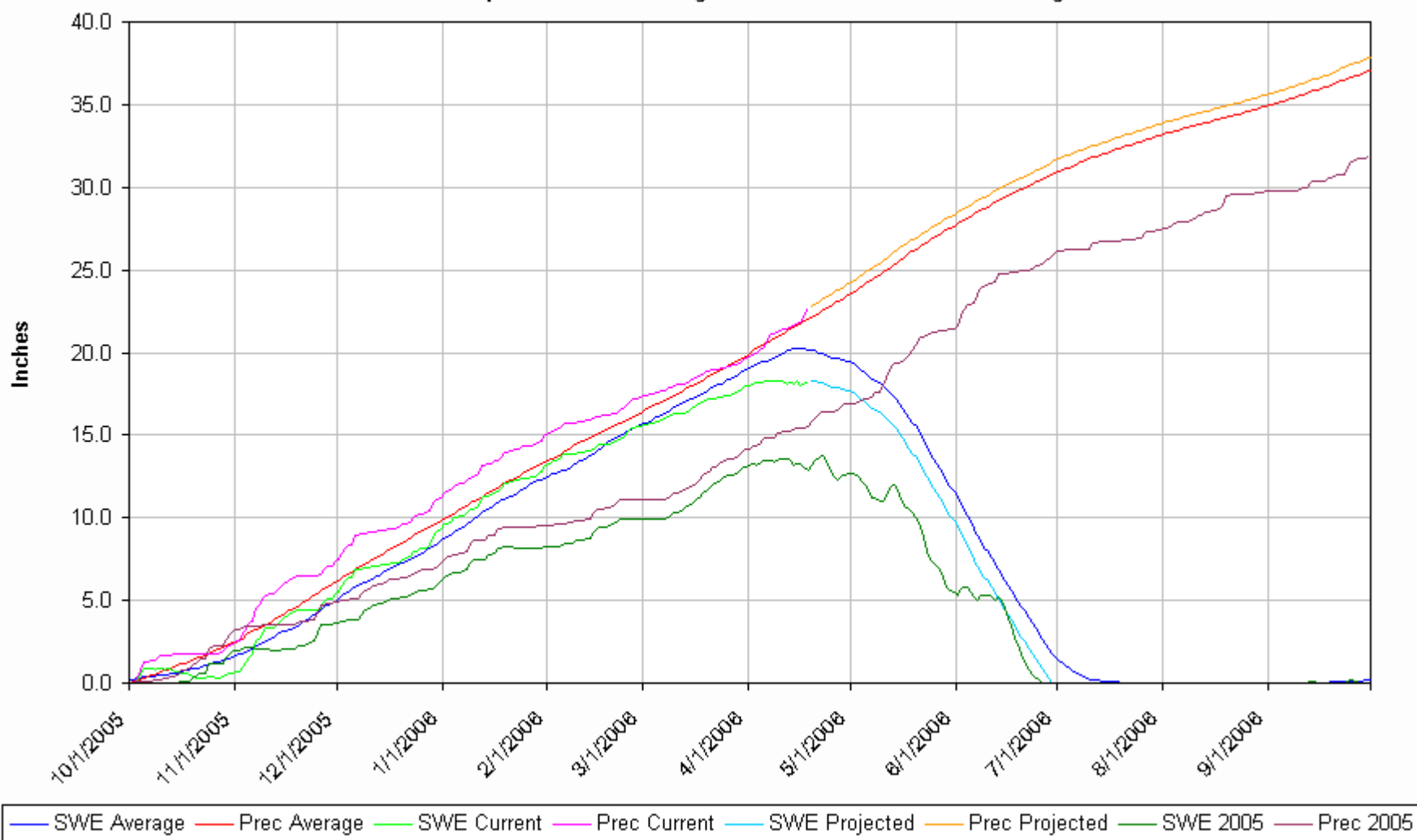
Sun-Teton-Marias Water Year SNOTEL Graph (6 Sites)
 Current snowpack is 94% of average and Last Year was 54% of average



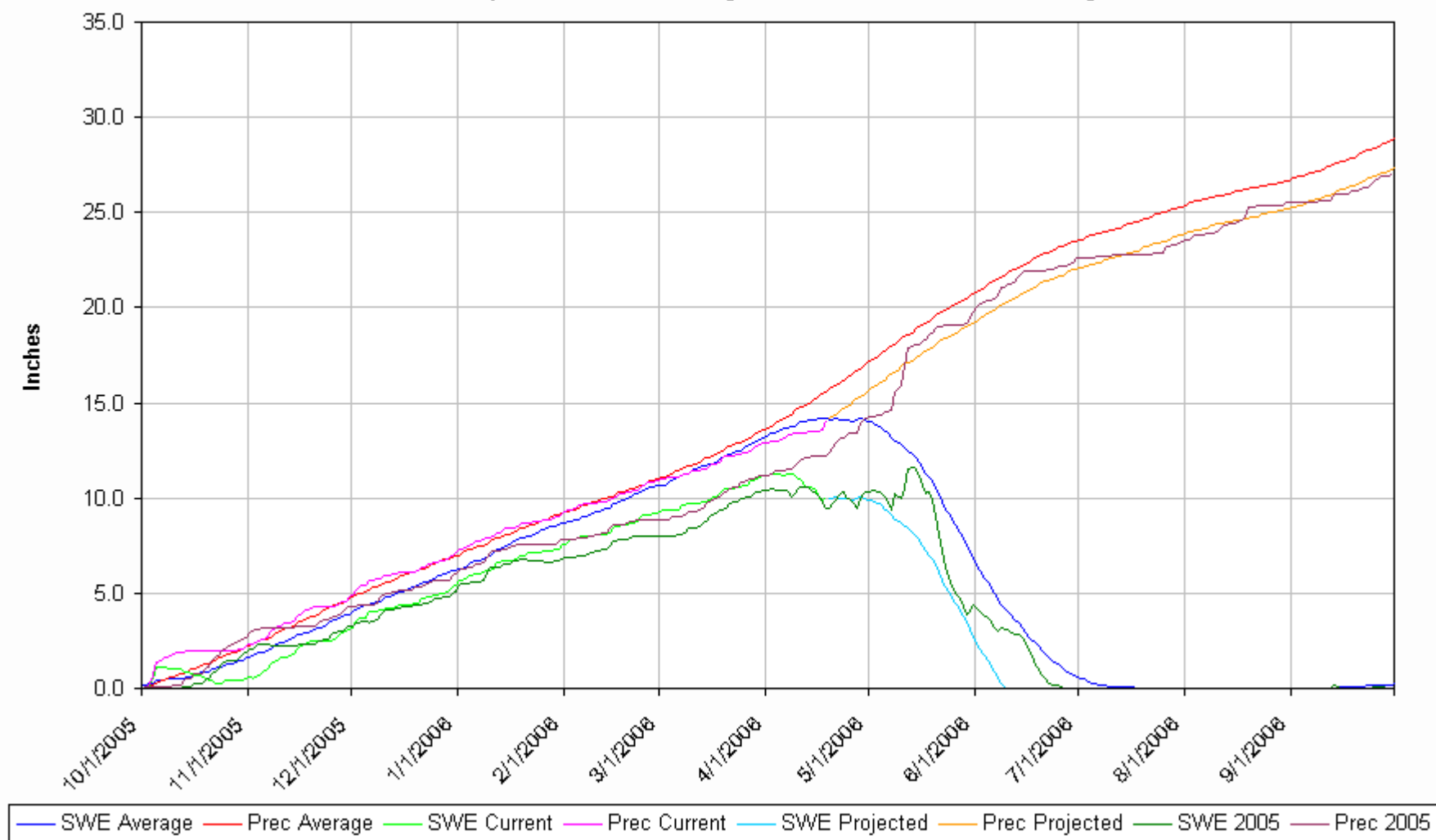
Mary-Milk Water Year SNOTEL Graph (3 Sites)
 Current snowpack is 92% of average and Last Year was 55% of average



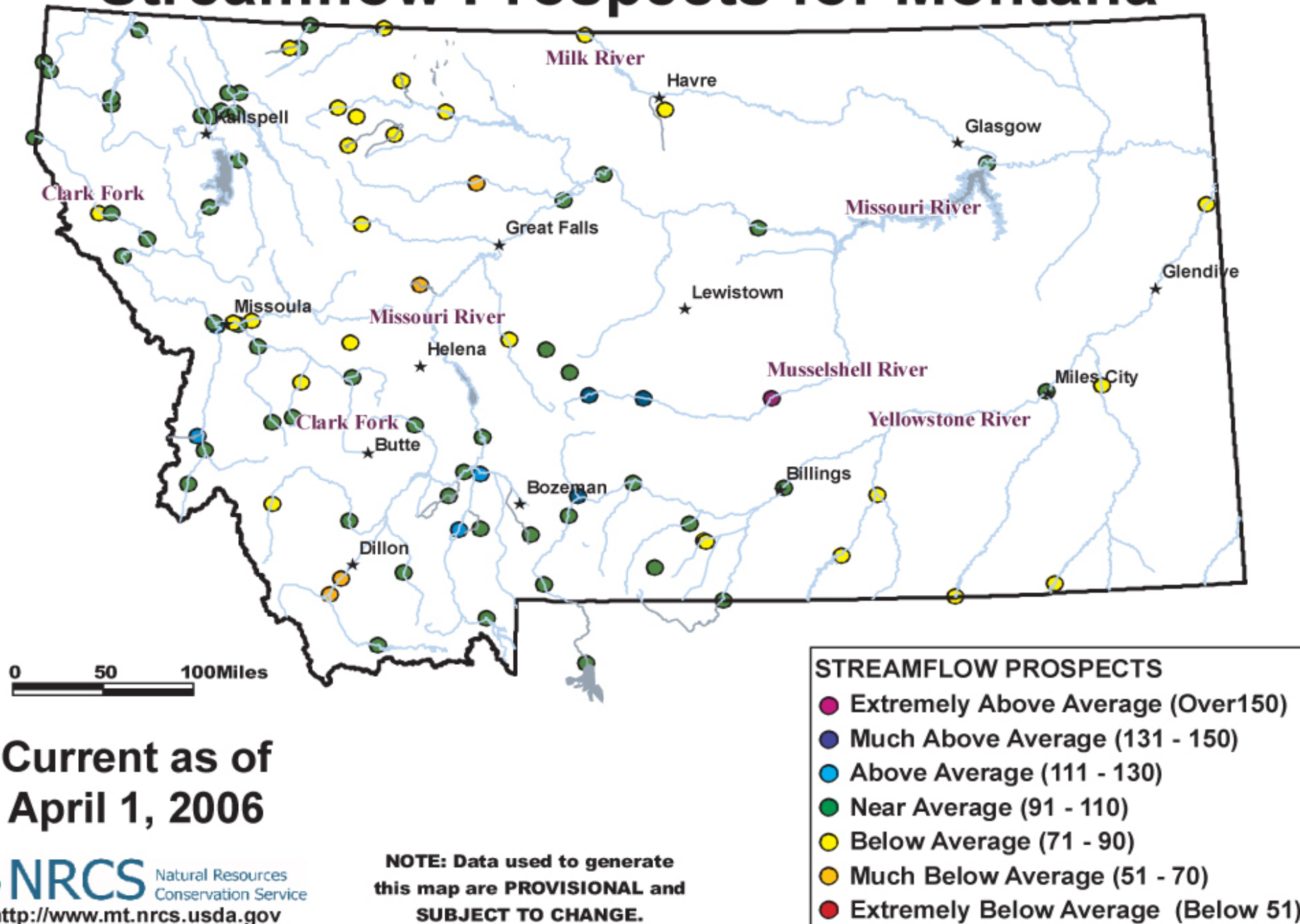
Upper Yellowstone Water Year SNOTEL Graph (23 Sites)
 Current snowpack is 96% of average and Last Year was 67% of average



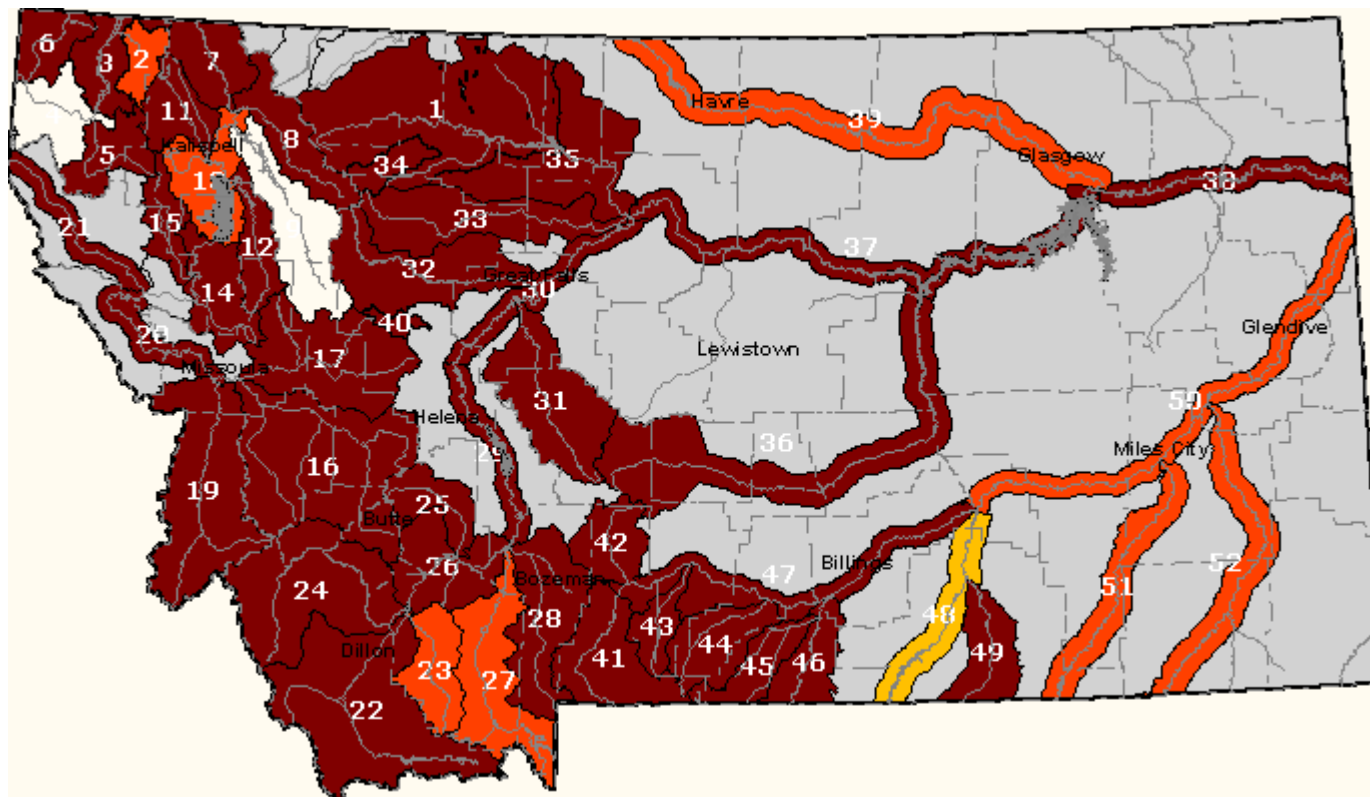
Lower Yellowstone Water Year SNOTEL Graph (32 Sites)
Current snowpack was 71% of average and Last Year was 67% of average



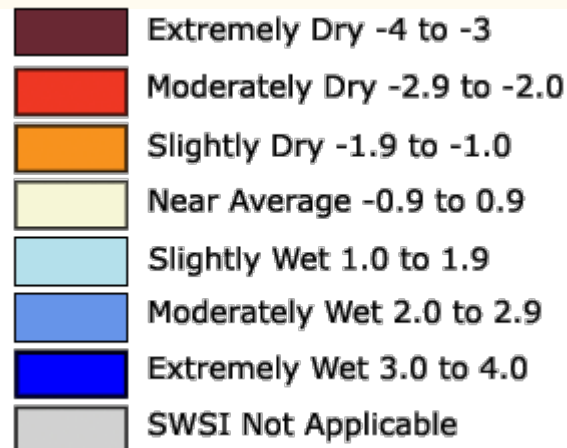
Streamflow Prospects for Montana



			<u>April 1, 2006 - April-July</u>				
BASIN STREAMFLOW FORECASTS			90%	70%	50%	30%	10%
KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana			75	90	98	106	121
FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN			79	92	100	108	121
UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN			54	76	90	105	127
BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN			89	102	111	119	133
LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN			74	88	95	103	117
JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN			48	74	93	113	145
MADISON RIVER BASIN			93	103	110	116	126
GALLATIN RIVER BASIN			85	99	109	119	134
MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN			63	85	100	115	137
SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS			41	63	82	102	133
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASI			75	102	120	138	164
ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS			45	61	87	96	124
UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN			79	94	104	114	129
LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN			47	67	81	95	114



SWSI MAP
April 1, 2005

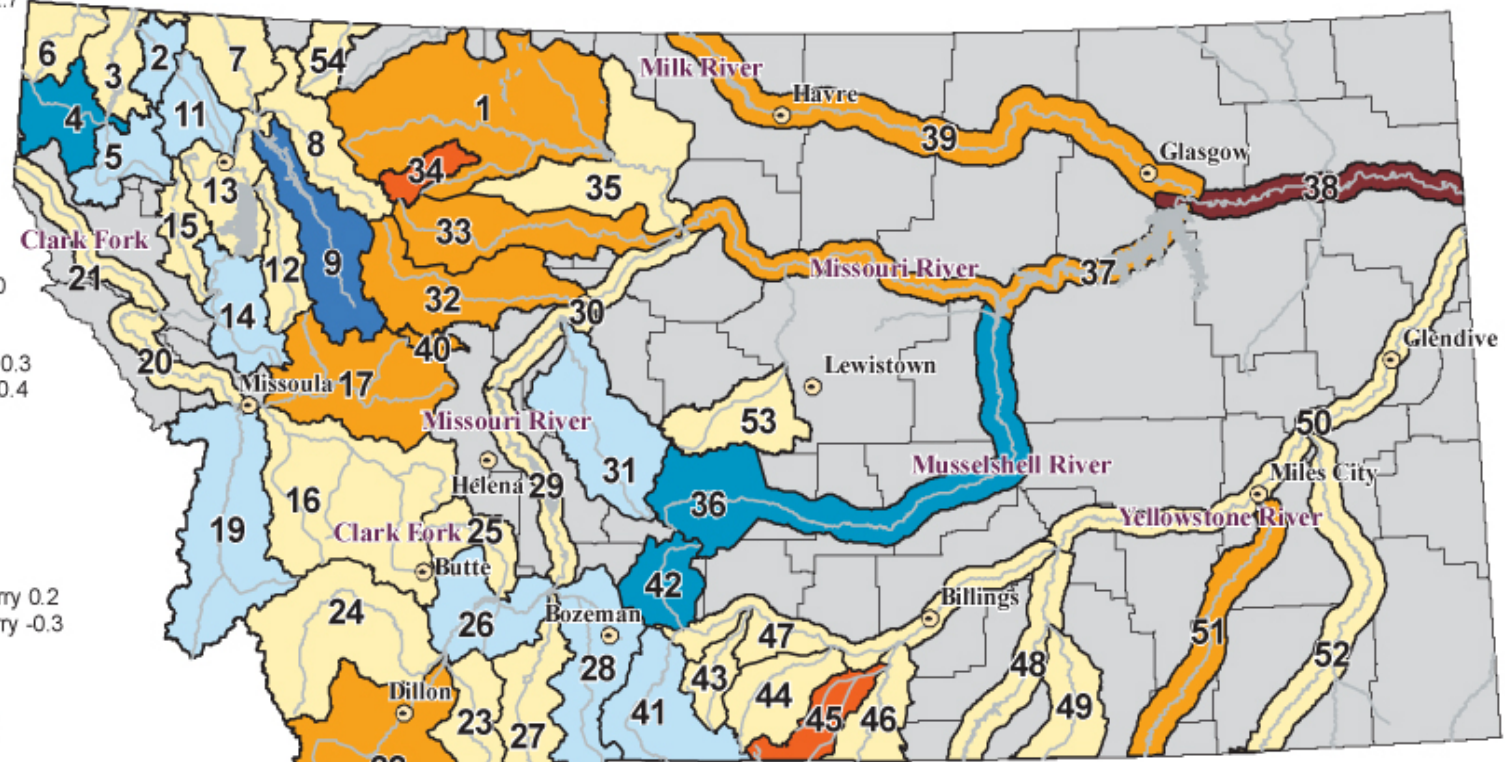


RIVER INDEX & SWSI VALUES

- 1 Marias above Tiber Reservoir -1.7
- 2 Tobacco 1.2
- 3 Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam 0
- 4 Kootenai below Libby Dam 2.7
- 5 Fisher 1.1
- 6 Yaak 0.9
- 7 North FK. Flathead 0.6
- 8 Middle FK. Flathead 0
- 9 South FK. Flathead 3.3
- 11 Stillwater/Whitefish 1.5
- 12 Swan 0.6
- 13 Flathead at Polson 0.4
- 14 Mission Valley 1.4
- 15 Little Bitterroot 0
- 16 Clark Fork above Milltown 0
- 17 Blackfoot -1.9
- 19 Bitterroot 1.8
- 20 Clark Fork below Bitterroot 0.3
- 21 Clark Fork below Flathead 0.4
- 22 Beaverhead -1.4
- 23 Ruby 0.9
- 24 Big Hole 0.5
- 25 Boulder (Jefferson) 0.8
- 26 Jefferson 1.4
- 27 Madison 0.7
- 28 Gallatin 1.8
- 29 Missouri above Canyon Ferry 0.2
- 30 Missouri below Canyon Ferry -0.3
- 31 Smith 1.5
- 32 Sun -1.5
- 33 Teton -1.6
- 34 Birch/Dupuyer Creeks -2.9
- 35 Marias -0.5
- 36 Musselshell 2.3
- 37 Missouri above Fort Peck -1.2
- 38 Missouri below Fort Peck -3.4
- 39 Milk -1.6
- 40 Dearborn near Craig -1.3
- 41 Yellowstone above Livingston 1.2
- 42 Shields 2.2
- 43 Boulder (Yellowstone) 0.6
- 44 Stillwater 0.9
- 45 Rock/Red Lodge Creeks -2.6
- 46 Clarks Fork 0.2
- 47 Yellowstone above Bighorn 0.9
- 48 Bighorn below Bighorn Lake -0.3
- 49 Little Bighorn -0.2
- 50 Yellowstone below Bighorn 0.4
- 51 Tongue -1.3
- 52 Powder -0.5
- 53 Judith Basin -0.6
- 54 ST Mary River 0

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) Values

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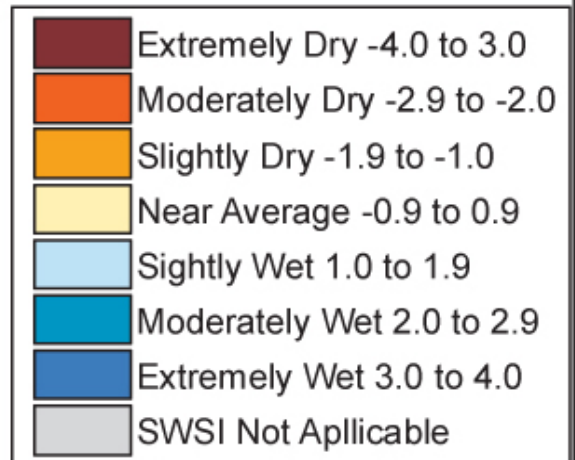
Current as of
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SUMMARY

- Current snowpack remains near average at 103% and 156% of last year
- Snowpack seasonal peak is at 99%, basically complete for this year.
- April 1 Streamflows are forecast to be 97% of average west of the Divide and 96% of average east of the Divide (assuming average precipitation through July)
- Areas of most concern for below to well below average streamflows occur in the Lower Yellowstone, Sun Teton Marias, Beaverhead, Red Lodge Ck., Blackfoot, and Milk



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